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**REMARKS**

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for considering the present application. In the Office Action dated August 16, 2006, claims 1-26 stand pending in the application. Claims 7, 16 and 25 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18-20, 23 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gordon (U.S. Pat. 6,510,554) in view of Iacobelli (U.S. Pat. 7,035,335). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claims 1, 9 and 18 are independent claims. Claim 1 recites "parsing a payload portion of a particular one of said plurality of received packets to identify the picture coding type in the payload portion". Claim 9 is directed to a transport processor but it has a means for performing the similar step of claim 1. Claim 18 recites "wherein said transport processor parses a payload portion of a particular one of said plurality of received packets to identify the picture coding type in the payload portion".

The Examiner states that the Gordon reference does not teach parsing a payload portion of a particular one of said plurality of [received] packets to identify the picture coding type in the payload portion. The Applicants agree.

The Iacobelli reference is cited for disclosing this feature. The Examiner points to column 17, lines 22-36 for this feature. Applicants respectfully submit that the Iacobelli reference does not teach parsing a payload portion of a particular one of the plurality of received packets to identify the picture coding type in the payload portion. The last portion of the cited Iacobelli passage is a long, somewhat confusing sentence. Applicants have reviewed this sentence along with Figure 6C which describes the picture coding type. The passage in column 17 specifically refers back to Figure 6C.

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Applicants direct the Examiner to column 8, line 61 to column 9, line 10. From this it is clear that the PCT is in the header portion. Applicants respectfully submit that the passage in lines 30-36 of column 17 of the Iacobelli reference does not mean that the picture coding type is in the payload, but rather referring to what type of payload that the PCT type in the header is referring to. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the Iacobelli reference does not teach parsing a payload portion to identify the picture coding type. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of claims 1, 9 and 18. Likewise, claims 2, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 19-20, 23 and 24 depend from their base claims and are also allowable for the same reasons set forth above.

Claims 4, 13 and 21 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Gordon in view of Iacobelli in further view of Nagata (U.S. Pat. 5,974,224) and in further view of Chauvel (U.S. Pat. 6,369,855). Applicants respectfully traverse. As mentioned above, neither the Gordon reference nor the Iacobelli reference teaches or suggests the use of the payload portion for identifying the picture coding type. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider this rejection as well.

Claims 5, 14 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gordon in view of Iacobelli in further view of Fuginami (EP 0 910 087). As mentioned above, neither the Gordon reference nor the Iacobelli reference teaches the use of the payload portion for identifying the picture coding type. The Fuginami reference does not teach or suggest those deficiencies. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider this rejection as well.

Claims 8, 10-11, 17 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gordon in view of Iacobelli in further view of official notice. As

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mentioned above, neither the Gordon reference nor the Iacobelli reference teaches or suggests the use of the payload portion for identifying the picture coding type. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider these rejections as well.

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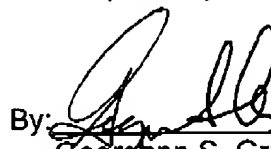
**CONCLUSION**

In light of the remarks above, Applicants submit that all objections and rejections are now overcome. The application is now in condition for allowance and expeditious notice thereof is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Should any fees be associated with this submission, please charge Deposit Account 50-0383.

Respectfully submitted,

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